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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MARK ET AL.

Examiner

MINH D. DAO

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,7-9,11,13-15,17,19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,7-9,11,13-15,17,19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3,5, 7-9,11,13-15,17,19,20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park (US 6,687,518) in view of Halperin et al. (US 6,115,616) and further in view of Komaki (US 4,640,994).

Regarding claim 1, Park teaches a mobile station (see fig. 1; col. 23, lines 24-27), comprising: a communication part that comprises a controller (see fig. 1, the GMPCS system; col. 3, lines 1-11), an RF transceiver (see fig. 5, RF terminal 130; col. 7, lines 16-18) and an antenna (see fig. 6, antenna 410); and a information entry part comprising a keypad or keyboard module that is detachable from said communication part and that is coupled, whether attached or detached, through a wireless link to said communication part for conveying keystroke information from said information entry part to said communication part (see figs. 2 and 3; col. 3, lines 39-46; col. 3, lines 57-67; col. 4, lines 42-48). However, Park does not mention that the information entry part is self-powered. Halperin, in an analogous art, teaches this limitation (col. 4, lines 13-18). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the

invention was made to combine the keypad that uses a Lithium thin film battery of Halperin to in order to minimize the space occupied by the power source as taught by Halperin.

Still regarding claim 1, Halperin, as mentioned above, teaches a self-powered information entry part using Lithium thin film battery, but does not disclose that the self-powered information entry part is configured to be solely by a power generating apparatus. Komaki, in an analogous art, teaches an electronic calculator using a flat panel keyboard solely powered by a solar cell (see fig. 3, col. 2, line 66 to col. 3, line 9). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to replace the Lithium thin film battery of Halperin with the solar cell of Komaki in order to in order to obtain a solely solar cell power source that would not require any replacement for the purpose of cost saving.

Regarding claim 2, the combination of the teachings of Halperin, Park, and Komaki teaches a mobile station as in claim 1, wherein said wireless link is comprised of an RF link (see reference Park, col. 3, lines 57-67).

Regarding claim 3, the combination of the teachings of Halperin, Park, and Komaki teaches a mobile station as in claim 1, wherein said wireless link is) comprised of a Bluetooth link (see reference Park, col. 3, lines 57-67).

Regarding claim 7, the claim has a limitation as that of claim 1, and therefore is interpreted and rejected for the same reason set forth in the rejection of claim 1.

Regarding claim 8, the claim has a limitation as that of claim 2, and therefore is interpreted and rejected for the same reason set forth in the rejection of claim 2.

Regarding claim 9, the claim has a limitation as that of claim 3, and therefore is interpreted and rejected for the same reason set forth in the rejection of claim 3.

Regarding claim 13, the claim has a limitation as that of claim 1, and therefore is interpreted and rejected for the same reason set forth in the rejection of claim 1.

Regarding claim 15, the claim, as mentioned above, has the limitations of claim 1 that are taught by the combination of Park and Halperin. However, Park and Halperin do not mention a solar cell solely powers the self-powered information entry part. Komaki, in an analogous art, teaches an electronic calculator using a flat panel keyboard solely powered by a solar cell (see fig. 3, col. 2, line 66 to col. 3, line 9). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to replace the Lithium thin film battery of Halperin with the solar cell of Komaki in order to in order to obtain a solely solar cell power source that would not require any replacement for the purpose of cost saving.

Regarding claim 5, the combination of the teachings of Halperin, Park, and Komaki teaches a mobile station as in claim 4, wherein said source is comprised of at least one solar cell (see reference Halperin, col. 4, lines 13-18; reference Komaki, fig. 3, col. 2, line 66 to col. 3, line 9).

Regarding claim 11, the claim has a limitation as that of claim 5, and therefore is interpreted and rejected for the same reason set forth in the rejection of claim 5.

Regarding claim 14, the combination of the teachings of Halperin, Park, and Komaki teaches a method as in claim 13, and further comprising a step of powering said keypad module using a solar cell located on said keypad module (see reference Halperin, col. 4, lines 13-18; reference Little, lines 51-60).

Regarding claim 17, the claim has a limitation as that of claim 15, and therefore is interpreted and rejected for the same reason set forth in the rejection of claim 15.

Regarding claim 19, the combination of the teachings of Halperin, Park, and Komaki teaches an information entry module as in claim 17, wherein said wireless link is a uni-directional link (see reference Halperin, col. 3, lines 57-67).

Regarding claim 20, the combination of the teachings of Halperin, Park, and Komaki teaches an information entry module as in claim 17, wherein said wireless link is a bi-directional link (see reference Halperin, col. 3, lines 57-67).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH D. DAO whose telephone number is 571-272-7851. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MATTHEW ANDERSON can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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